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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

SILVEIRA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ANTONIO: AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON THE FORTHCOMING QUITO MEETING, I VERY MUCH HAD HOPED TO BE PRESENT BECAUSE OF MY DEEP, CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE HEMISPHERE.
3. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA; AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.
4. BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY DEPUTY AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT ME AT THE

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QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM

ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FULL-
EST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY
PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND I

SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS
WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.

5. I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT
THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL
RESULT. WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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